

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

A) Amend the title to read - - BUNDLING TIE - -

B) Amend paragraph [0001] as follows.

[0001] This is a continuation of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/087,474 filed on February 27, 2002. Priority under Section 120 of the Patent Act is claimed. ~~This application is an original U.S. Patent Application and is not related to other U.S. applications, patents, provisional patents, or to any foreign patent, utility model or similar publication.~~

C) Amend paragraph [0028] as follows.

[0028] Should the user wish to gain access to the bundled material, he or she need only to snap the strand laterally from engagement within the reduced opening 38 back through the necked down opening 39 and into the enlarged opening 37 38. The strand may then be pulled from engagement with the second locking slot 22, thereby opening the second loop and freeing the bundle for use.

D) Amend paragraph [0032] as follows.

[0032] It is noted that tension applied along the strand will produce a shearing force against the portion of the bead engaged at the associated reduced opening of the tab. The fillets ~~48~~ 42 and bead structure serve to strengthen the bead against shearing. This is an advantage over prior forms of ties which include serrations or indentations that reduce the dimension of the strap or tie material and therefore create stress risers at which the ties may break when under tension.